Principal's Report
April reported on the PTA walk-a-thon, that she reported a spotlight on Emerson to the School Board, and that the teachers had a professional development day. She shared the Excellence and Equity Plan that they started developing last year, with input from the SCC. She also explained a grant they have been participating in for mindfulness called Inner Explorer. Next week is SEPs and Fall Break.

School Improvement Committee (SIC) Report
Summer reported that the SIC talked about specialty teachers’ schedules before school starts. IP teachers also talked about limited availability of Spanish books to send home, so they will look into funding for those. There were concerns about transitions – walking quietly in the halls between rotations and after recess, etc. Students wanting to enter before 7:55 am need to come through the cafeteria.

PTA Report
Suyin reported that the Walk-a-Thon raised $10,000, but the goal was $13,000, so they were short. They will try to promote the donation link. They are looking for volunteers for book fair and also the Day of the Dead.

SCC Membership and Officers
April and Allison discussed the candidate interest form process and that there was not a need for an election because there were fewer candidates interested than the number of seats available. New members introduced themselves. The Committee elected Crystal as the Chair, Sara as the Vice Chair, and Allison as the Secretary for the 2018-19 school year.

SCC Overview and Planning
Crystal asked if there were deadlines for this year that we know about now? Heather will send a timeline to Allison and she will distribute it. There is a March 22 deadline for the draft LAND Trust Plan, and an April 22 deadline from the District for a final signed plan for both the Excellence and Equity Plan and the LAND Trust Plan.

Volunteers for Morning Cafeteria Coverage
Bryce was the coordinator last year – might be good to contact him.
SLCSD Policy: Religion in the Classroom
April presented and discussed the District’s policy I-11, Administrative Procedures: Religion in the Curriculum. Committee members discussed ways that everyone can try to accommodate children who don’t participate in different activities, and how to be respectful of all viewpoints.

Other Items
The SCC talked about possible topics for the November meeting, including school-level policies, the buddy bench, follow-up from the Rico night, and school academic data. Because we will be viewing data on the overhead projector, the SCC decided to move the November meeting to the Emerson Library, and hold the December meeting at a SLC Library branch.

Next meeting is November 14, 2018 at 5:30 PM in the Emerson Library.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.